

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regard as the invention. The Applicant has amended claim 1 to better define the elected invention which is “directed to a method that includes switching to another sheet supply when the platform is the distance from the feedhead thereby leaving the predetermined number remaining unchanged regardless of the sheet thickness” (page 2 of the OA dated 4-25-2005).

Claims 1, 3 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,685,181 (Bakodledis).

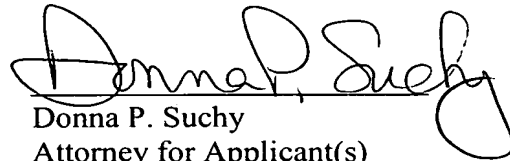
The Applicants have amended claims 1-4, and 25 and added claim 26 to better claim the invention. The Applicants point out that a “race track” printer of the type described, would not operate if the paper supply were changed when the switch point was zero. Bakodledis anticipates the present application since it does anticipate a method to switch paper sources when the switch point cannot be zero that is independent of paper thickness. The present invention solves the problem without stopping the machine as would be the case if the method described in the Bakodledis patent were used. The present invention, unlike Bakodledis, does not depend on a fixed-point decision based on average paper thickness.

Claims 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,028,041 (Kobayashi). Claim 25 has been amended as described above. Kobayashi does not anticipate the amended claim 25.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bakodledis patent as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030015836 (Westcott et al.). Since the Applicants believe that Bakodledis does not describe or claim the present invention then Westcott adds nothing that would make claim 2 obvious.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is submitted that the inventions defined by each of claims 1-4 and 25-26 are patentable, and a favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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